

ECHOES FROM THE ANTE-ROOM

Ben Barrows' Story of "Poor Fellow Soldiers," the Templars.

EARLY ORGANIZATION OF THE ORDER

An Interesting Tale Founded on Fact and Prettyly Told—Doings of the Week in State and City Lodge Rooms.

In view of the coming triennial convocation of Knights Templar that is to be held in Denver in August next, the following brief history of the order, prepared by Ben Barrows, an ardent Sir Knight and the general chief of the Grand Pacific advertising department, will prove of great interest.

Two armed knights mounted upon one poorly caparisoned horse—this is the pathetic picture we have presented to us of the early poverty of the most renowned and most powerful military and religious order ever known on earth.

During the eleventh and twelfth centuries, multitudes of pilgrims, impelled by the pious superstition of the age, visited Jerusalem for the purpose of offering their devotions at the sepulchre of our Lord.

From this time forward the history of the order shows a long series of brilliant successes. The little band of nine speedily grew into many thousands; their heroic services to the Christians of Palestine made them at once favorites with all the princes and peoples of Christendom.

During the great decay of the Christian power in Palestine the Templars failed to make secure their possessions in that country. The immense wealth of the order and the extensive commerce which they carried on in Europe drew on it the jealousy and suspicion of many princes.

Paris and consult on important matters connected with the order. DeMolay, the abbot, and left Cyprus with sixty knights and large sums of treasure, arriving at Paris early in 1307.

There are four sources from which the Masonic Templars are said to have derived their existence, making, therefore, as many different divisions of the order.

First. The Templars who claim John Mark Larnimus as the successor of James De Molay.

Second. Those who recognize Peter d'Aumont as the successor of De Molay.

probably derived from that body called the "Baldwin encampment," or from some one of the four or five encampments mentioned in the four or five legends which are claimed to have been formed by the members of the preceptor which had long existed at Bristol, and who, on the 13th of October, 1099, were united with the Masonic fraternity.

The grand encampment of the United States is seventy-six years old and was founded June 29, 1816, at New York City.

Omaha lodge, No. 30, celebrated its eleven anniversary in a very pleasant manner. About fifty Sir Knights and their wives and sweethearts were present and enjoyed the festivities.

The Pythian Sisters are becoming a recognized factor in the order. Quietly and unobtrusively this organization is being built up at the recent gathering in Kansas City.

The Kansas City Times has offered a splendid prize to be awarded at the coming encampment, which will be for the brigade commander whose name shall receive the largest vote of the visitors.

Supreme Representative John C. Burns of Mansfield, O., who was recently very ill with the "grippe," is reported as being entirely recovered.

Superior Lodge, No. 37, has developed great activity in the past few weeks. Thirteen candidates have been initiated into the mysteries of the word, and more applications have been received.

Goodrich Lodge, No. 144, visited Myrtle lodge at Pythian hall, Monday evening, Feb. 14. The call was a very agreeable one and will undoubtedly be productive of increased harmony and fraternal fellowship.

One of the social events of the season at Superior was the open session of the P. E. O. chapter. The ladies of this order give an open meeting every quarter, which consists of a literary and social entertainment, followed by refreshments.

The second annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies for the southern jurisdiction of the Valley of Omaha, will be held in Freemasons hall, Monday evening, Feb. 22, at 8 o'clock.

A HAVEN FOR THE HELPLESS

It Will Be Provided in the New Creighton Memorial Hospital.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GREAT STRUCTURE

What St. Joseph's Hospital Will Be When Mr. Creighton's Plans Have Been Fully Carried Out—Plans of the Builder.

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The building is a model of solidity and convenience. It fronts toward the west on Tenth street and the length of the frontage is 242 feet. From the end of the main building extends eastward, these wings are built in a T-shape, the wings facing Tenth street, the structure thus forming three sides of a square.

The interior finish of the entire building is of oak and yellow pine. The ceilings and walls are all decorated with cement and sand. In the heating, lighting and ventilation, the most approved modern appliances have been utilized.

The operating rooms are at the southeast corner of the building and are particularly adapted to that important part of hospital work, having plenty of light.

The building will be heated by steam from three large boilers located in the basement building between the east ends of the two wings. The smoke stack rises ninety-eight feet above the ground and will carry all the smoke above the roof of the hospital building.

Along the east end of both extensions and along the east side of the main building over four thousand feet of a neat and substantial iron veranda from which a magnificent view of the river valley and the surrounding horizon on the Iowa side may be surveyed.

In the northwest corner of the building in the basement there are a couple of rooms set aside for a pure work of charity, for the rooms poor, unfortunate people will be served with plain meals simply by presenting themselves there and asking for something to eat.

REVISED SWITCHING TARIFF

Union Pacific Officials Invite the Council to Examine a New Schedule.

The city council's movement to control the switching charges over tracks occupying streets and alleys has been met by the Union Pacific with a new tariff intended to placate the city.

Assistant General Manager Dickinson has notified the council's committee on viaducts and railways that he has prepared a revised and if the city council will accept it, will be a considerable reduction.

Chairman Prince says he can see nothing to be gained by such a conference, and the committee has made no engagement to meet Mr. Dickinson, though it may conclude to do so.

Mr. Prince visited about fifteen wholesale firms and they all denounced the recently enacted switching tariff as extortionate.

Just above this inscription there is a huge niche in the outer wall. This is intended for a life-sized marble statue of St. Joseph which will be cut by some great sculptor of Europe.

The visitor next steps into what will be when completed a beautiful rotunda from which a wide, double staircase rises flight after flight to the top story and thence to the top of the tower a single flight of stairs furnishes the means of ascent.

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This splendid structure of brick and stone appears to have been well built. There is not a crack or flaw to be seen in the entire building. The brick used in the front were bought in St. Louis and the stone came from Lake Superior, but the brick in the main body of the building were made in Omaha.

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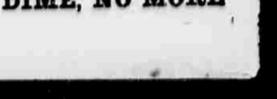
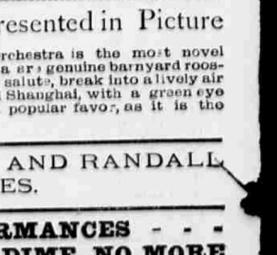
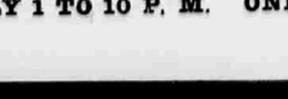
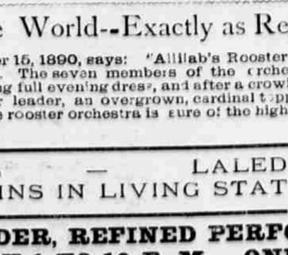
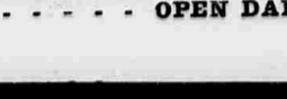
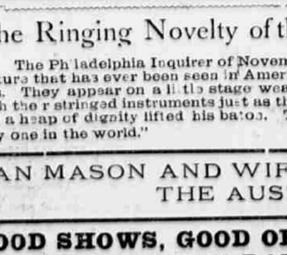
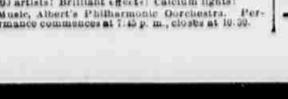
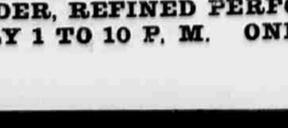
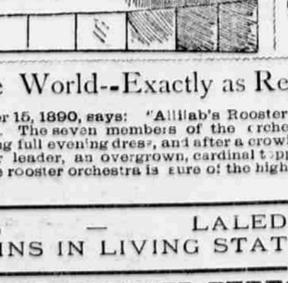
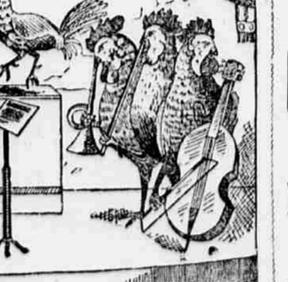
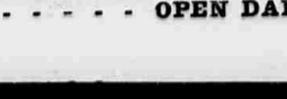
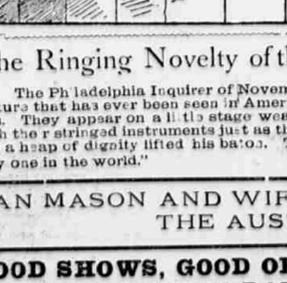
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